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### CITY NOTES

#### The Intelligencer Correspondent Finds Many Items of Interest.

A bill requiring every club dispensing liquor to take out a license has been ordered engrossed.

The constitutional amendment shutting out the voting again on single tax has been passed by the Senate. It will be passed by the House and will be voted on at the November 1914 election, and adopted.

The appropriation bill for the eleemosynary and penal institutions has passed the House. The aggregate amount appropriated is \$1,700,000 divided as follows: For State hospital No. 1 at Fulton \$59,944, for state hospital No. 2, at St. Joseph \$110,540, for state hospital No. 3, at Nevada \$130,360, for state hospital No. 4, at Farmington \$100,100, School for the Deaf \$232,750, School for the Blind \$89,000, Training School for Boys \$161,350, Industrial School for Girls \$84,784, Confederate Home \$120,350, Federal Home \$66,900, Colony for Feeble Minded \$197,550, and Sanatorium for Tuberculosis \$150,500.

The bill appropriating money paying the salaries of all state civil officers for 1913, amounting to \$784,200 has passed both houses and been signed by the governor.

The suffragettes are working for the submission of the amendment to permit women to vote. February 14 when the Senate and House members returned from dinner, each one found a luscious apple on his desk bearing this, "Submit the suffrage amendment to the voters of Missouri."

A constitutional amendment has been offered permitting special 8 mile road districts to levy a special road tax of 65 cents on the \$100 valuation, the money to be expended exclusively within the district.

A house bill authorizing county courts to appoint county farm advisers has been offered.

The Senate has passed Sena-

tor Carter's bill which consolidates the State stamp fund and the motor car licenses into one fund and distributes the fund equally among the counties of the state. To get this money, however, the county receiving its share must vote 25 cents on the \$100 for permanent road improvements, giving the state highway engineer supervision thereof.

The Senate special committee has reported recommending extension of the present penitentiary convict leasing system for a term of two years. This will amend the present law and extend the time to January, 1915. Under this recommendation the price fixed for leasing convicts is \$1 each per day, 10 per cent of which is to be set aside for the benefit of discharged convicts. The report made estimates that it will cost the taxpayers of the State \$396,000 annually should the present lease system be discontinued. At this time 1,700 convicts are leased under the contract system, their earnings amounting to \$1,008 daily, \$6,043 per week, \$24,192 a month, and \$290,304 per year.

The State is having much trouble getting a location for the school for incorrigible negro girls. A location was purchased at Tipton, but the citizens there appeared before the committee with a remonstrance asking that the school be given to some other section. Like all others, they claim it would demoralize the community.

February 9 the taxpayers came near losing the temporary capital by fire. Some one threw a lighted cigar on a hemp mat and in short order there was quite a blaze. This is the second time this has occurred, and any old time the building is liable to go up in smoke. The building and furnishings cost \$77,000. Morris Gordon discovered and put out the blaze.

A bill repealing the law leasing convicts under the contract system has been introduced. The aim is for the State to go into the manufacturing business. I feel sure it will prove more expensive than that of leasing convicts to private parties under the present system.

A bill introduced prohibits barbers from cutting hair after

5 p. m. Saturdays. An amendment offered prohibits any person using a safety razor, and requires each man to shave twice each week.

By a vote of 25 to 8 the Senate has passed the bill to pay \$161,000 for Hahatonka for a state game preserve. It is in Camden county and there are 5,500 acres. This bill will be killed when it comes up for passage in the House. This money should be given to the public schools and good roads of the State.

The House committee reported adversely the bill protecting quail for three years. The matter was thrashed out in the House and the bill ordered placed on the calendar despite the committee's adverse report. The vote was practically unanimous in overruling the committee.

A constitutional amendment submitted exempts from taxation household and kitchen furniture when the same does not exceed \$100 in value.

A house bill introduced provides for the warden contracting one-fourth of the prisoners at the penitentiary for road work at not less than 85 cents per day, to purchase machinery and employ other convicts in manufacturing school furniture, and to pay each prisoner 10 per cent of the gross earnings of the penitentiary.

The county unit local option bill passed the House by the vote of 90 to 45, with 6 members absent. The six votes from Jackson and the fourteen from St. Louis were cast in opposition to the passage. The Senate is considered doubtful, but as that body is quite anxious to give St. Louis "home rule," they'll never get it unless it passes the House local option measure. Even then, the giving of "home rule" will have a string tied to it. However, should the "home rule" bill pass with the "string" attachment, it can not become effective, as under existing conditions the legislature cannot give St. Louis "home rule." It would be unconstitutional. The city charter on a vote of the citizens must first be amended.

The bill prohibiting a fusion of parties was sent to engrossment Feb. 11. There was quite a debate thereon. Representative Somerville, the lone Bull Moose, voted with the democrats, and he made it plain that a fusion of the Bull Moose and stand-pat republicans would never be.

The bill allowing women to be rural school directors was defeated in the Senate by one vote.

The first law passed this session was the one amending the automobile law. By this measure four additional clerkships were added to the already large force of clerks now employed. The increased expense to the taxpayers will be \$150 per month for each of these eight clerks.

A constitutional amendment for increasing the number of supreme court judges from seven to nine has been offered. The claim is that the addition of two judges will relieve the crowded condition of the docket. This means an increase of \$9,000 annually. Our idea is that the relief asked for can easily be had, and without a cent's additional cost, if longer hours are added and fewer vacations taken.

There are twenty four prisoners from Lafayette county confined in the penitentiary at this time. Nine of them are

white and fifteen of them negroes. Elias Johnson, white, for wife murder is serving a 99 year sentence. His crime was committed in Saline County, but he was tried at Lexington on a change of venue. John Shearman, white, is serving a twenty year sentence for burglary and larceny, being convicted under the habitual criminal statute. Tom Jenkins, a negro, is serving a thirty year sentence for killing Lum Hays, negro. Billy La Vaughan, negro, is in for ten years for burglary. The sentences of the other twenty, for various offenses, range from two to five years.

Last week the members heard the rendition of our state song, "Missouri," by a quartet from Trearton, the home of the author, Mrs. Anna Reusins Korn. While the words and sentiment could not be improved on, yet the music jingle is not just to our liking and this is not intended as a criticism. As it is this state song can not be "hummed" by the average singer, only by professionals and used only on special state occasions. To our thinking a tune "catchy" along the line of Annie Laurie, Dixie, Kentucky Home, etc., would be more in keeping and popular.

The Senate and House joint committee on agriculture, to which was referred charges made against the state poultry board, and Thomas E. Quisenberry, has reported exonerating both. The charges were made by H. E. Branch of Bolivar, and set forth that board was made up of city men with no knowledge of poultry, that five instead of one show is held annually, that the judging standard at these shows does not tend to encourage practical breeding and that \$2,800 has been paid these judges without warrant of law. The exonerations were unanimous.

#### Piano Recital at Central College.

Thursday evening in Murrell Hall Miss Faye Marvin Brill, playing the first program in the series of recitals to be given by candidates for graduation from the music department.

Miss Brill is a pupil of Miss Wynne, and has for a long time been recognized as one of the most thorough and reliable musicians in the college. In addition to her pianistic talent and ability, she possesses a very beautiful contralto voice and last year was graduated with splendid honors from the voice department.

Miss Brill has appeared often in recital work, but her playing on this occasion was an accumulation and climax of former successes. In certain numbers, such as the Chopin Ballade and the Rubinstein Waltz, her work was most brilliant and convincing; while the Lullaby and Barcarole exhibited a careful and well modulated legato. Her excellent diversity of touch and tone made the beautiful program, with its artistic arrangement, a delight from the first number till the last and added one more unit to the excellence and popularity of the piano department at Central College.

Miss Brill's program was in the following order:

Papillons op. 2	Schumann
Prelude, op. 28, No. 21	Chopin
Nocturne op. 15, No. 2	Chopin
Ballade, op. 47	Chopin
Tempo di Minuetto	Zanella
Berceuse	Witkol
Frühlingslied	Jadassohn
Toccata	Haberbier
Concert Etude	Mozzkowski
Barcarolle, G Major	Rubinstein
Valse Caprice	Rubinstein

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#### Medical Society Organized.

Several of the physicians of Lafayette County met on Tuesday, February 11, 1913, and organized a medical society of regular physicians. There has been a feeling among the physicians of the county for a long time that such an organization was needed and the suggestion of its organization was enthusiastically endorsed.

The following were elected as officers of the society: Dr. J. A. Mann, President; Dr. J. Q. Cope, Secretary and Dr. G. W. Fredendall, Treasurer.

The next meeting of the society will be held in Lexington on March 4, 1913, at 2:30 p. m.

The following physicians became charter members of the society: Dr. J. A. Mann of Wellington, Dr. Frank Mann of Wellington, Dr. Robt. A. Gelespie of Napoleon, Dr. Elza Lee Johnstone of Waverly, Dr. P. B. Clayton of Odessa, Dr. Goodwin (Honary) of Odessa, Dr. Wm. Webb of Higginsville, Dr. J. J. Fulkerson of Lexington, Dr. G. W. Fredendall of Lexington, Dr. A. J. Chadkley of Lexington.

ton, Dr. J. Q. Cope of Lexington.

#### A Lexington Boy Making Good.

G. E. Tunstall, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Tunstall of this city, who has been in the freight office of the Burlington railroad at Kansas City, has been promoted to traveling freight agent. Mr. Tunstall takes up his new duties at once. Go it, George, we're for you.

#### Circuit Court.

In the case of Gentry W. Haggars vs. McGrew Coal Co., after the evidence on the part of the plaintiff was introduced, the defendant asked the court for a preceptory instruction, which was granted and the case dismissed.

#### For Sale.

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